

Remarks

Claims 1-18 are pending in the subject application. By this Amendment, claims 1-18 have been canceled. In addition, Applicants have rewritten the elected group of claims (claims 1-9 and 12-18) as new claims 19-43. Support for the new claims can be found throughout the subject specification (see, for example, pages 33-39, 42-47 and 78-92) and the claims as originally filed. Entry and consideration of the new claims presented herein is respectfully requested. Accordingly, claims 19-43 are currently before the Examiner. Favorable consideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

In accordance with the Examiner's request, attached herewith is a copy of Applicants' Preliminary Amendment which was submitted to the Patent Office on May 24, 2002 in the subject application.

Applicants believe that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §§1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

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